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UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

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Washington, D.C. 20436

October 17, 2019

Mr. Taylor Amarel  
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Re: USITC Freedom of Information Act Request 19-30

Dear Mr. Amarel:

This letter serves as the U.S. International Trade Commission's ("USITC") initial interim response to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), dated and received September 18, 2019, in which you requested "All emails sent to, from, or copied to: Jason Kearns, from January 1, 2016 to Present Day containing any of the following non-case-sensitive key-string "laundering", "whistleblower", or "evasion".

In accordance with 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(B), unusual circumstances will prevent the USITC from processing your request within the 20-day period set forth in 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(A). We are extending the 20-day time limit to respond to your request (October 17, 2019), by an additional 10 working days to October 31, 2019. Specifically, we are extending the period to respond to your FOIA request due to the need to search for, collect, and appropriately examine a voluminous amount of separate and distinct records, and the need for consultation with another Federal agency that has a substantial subject-matter interest in the request.

We would like to give you the opportunity to reformulate the scope of your request, or the opportunity to arrange an alternative time frame for processing your request. If you have any questions, or wish to discuss reformulation or an alternative time frame for the processing of your request, our FOIA Public Liaison, Sharon Bellamy, is available to assist you at: [sharon.bellamy@usitc.gov](mailto:sharon.bellamy@usitc.gov) or 202-205-2595.

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Sincerely,

William R. Bishop  
Supervisory Hearings and Information Officer